

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on April 7, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), Sen. Tom Richmond (R), Sen. Scott Sales (R),
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 224, 4/3/2017; HB 391, 4/3/2017

Executive Action: HB 187, HB 550, HB 558, HB 391, HB 224

00:00:38 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 224

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:59 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 224, Extending veterans' exemption to property used or leased by organization.

EXHIBIT(tas73a01)

00:01:11 Sen. Malek entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:06 Rep. Denley Loge, HD 14

00:04:44 Joel Foster, Montana Board of Veteran Affairs

00:05:15 Tim Peters, Department of Montana Veterans of Foreign Wars

00:07:12 Denny Lenoir, Department of Montana Veterans of Foreign Wars

00:08:02 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald, HD 17

00:08:50 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:10:49 Linda Sather, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:07 Sen. Barrett

00:11:50 Rep. Jacobson

00:12:34 Sen. Barrett

00:12:50 Rep. Jacobson

00:13:03 Ms. Sather, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:32 Rep. Jacobson

00:14:08 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 391

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:40 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 391, Provide for Montana earned income tax credit.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:10 Mike Kadas, director, Montana Department of Revenue

00:17:54 Jessica Michel, self

00:20:31 Kristin Stratford, self

[EXHIBIT\(tas73a02\)](#)

00:23:28 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

[EXHIBIT\(tas73a03\)](#)

00:24:38 David Hoffman, NorthWestern Energy

00:25:13 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

00:25:37 Carin McClain, Montana Credit Unions

00:26:05 Jackie Boyle, AARP Montana

00:26:28 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Vote

00:27:03 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:58 Sen. Hoven

00:29:01 Ms. O'Loughlin, MBPC

00:30:13 Sen. Hoven

00:30:19 Ms. O'Loughlin

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:42 Rep. Jacobson

00:34:07 Chairman Blasdel

00:34:35 Sen. Barrett

00:35:20 Chairman Blasdel

00:35:43 Recess

00:53:53 Reconvene

00:54:00 Chairman Blasdel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 187

00:54:43 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 187 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:55:00 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 187 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(tas73a04\)](#)

00:56:25 Chairman Blasdel

00:56:32 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski made a substitute motion that **HB 187 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:56:46 Sen. Hoven
00:57:04 Chairman Blasdel
00:57:09 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:57:25 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:58:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

00:58:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 187 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

Discussion:

00:58:53 Sen. Hoven
00:59:24 Mr. Coles, LSD

01:00:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 187 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

Discussion:

01:00:46 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:01:42 Sen. Barrett
01:02:14 Sen. Pomnichowski

01:03:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 187 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 11-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett voting no. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Richmond, Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy. Sen. Pomnichowski will carry the bill.

01:04:36 Chairman Blasdel
01:04:50 Sen. Hoven

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 550

01:06:33 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 550 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:06:42 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 550 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(tas73a05\)](#)

Discussion:

01:06:59 Chairman Blasdel
01:07:24 Sen. Hoven
01:07:49 Sen. Barrett
01:08:22 Sen. Tempel

01:08:43 Sen. Barrett

01:09:11 Sen. Malek

01:09:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Malek, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Richmond, Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy.

01:10:34 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 550 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tas73a06)

01:11:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

Discussion:

01:11:19 Sen. Barrett

01:11:27 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 550 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tas73a07)

Discussion:

01:13:03 Mr. Coles

01:13:47 Sen. Tempel

01:13:54 Sen. Pomnichowski

01:14:55 Sen. Webb

01:15:11 Sen. Barrett

01:16:11 Chairman Blasdel

01:16:29 Mr. Coles

01:17:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Cohenour voted by proxy. Sen. Richmond, Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused.

01:17:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved to **RECONSIDER THE MOTION ON AMENDMENT HB055001.AJC AND SEGREGATE SECTIONS 2 AND 3.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

Discussion:

01:18:41 Sen. Barrett

01:19:08 Mr. Coles

01:19:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved **TO AMEND HB 550 BE WITH SECTION 1 OF AMENDMENT HB055001.AJC.** Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Richmond, Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused.

01:20:15 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 550 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:20:25 Sen. Barrett
01:20:46 Sen. Malek
01:21:05 Sen. Hoven

01:21:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Malek, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Richmond, Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy. Sen. Hoven will carry the bill.

01:22:18 Sen. Richmond entered the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 558

01:22:40 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **HB 558 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:22:49 Chairman Blasdel
01:23:01 Sen. Barrett
01:24:04 Sen. Hoven

01:24:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Malek, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy. Sen. Blasdel will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 391

01:26:09 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **HB 391 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:26:23 Sen. Barrett
01:27:09 Sen. Malek

01:27:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel and Sen. S. Sales voting no. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy. Sen. Buttrey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 224

01:28:35 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **HB 224 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:28:46 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **HB 224 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(tas73a08\)](#)

01:30:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

01:30:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Barrett moved that **HB 224 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Cohenour voted by proxy. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused. Sen. McClafferty will carry the bill.

01:31:03 Chairman Blasdel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:33 AM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas73aad.pdf](#))